

# Review of: "Food and Feeding of Atlantic Mudskipper *Periophthalmus Barbarus* in Ogbo-Okolo Mangrove Forest of Santa Barbara River, Bayelsa State Niger Delta, Nigeria"

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The work is interesting. However, the major issues need to be solved before publication.

- The text has repetitions of phrases and needs to be revised.
- Species names must be in italics throughout the manuscript. The first time you mention the name, please state it with the author name, ex. *Periophthalmus barbarus* (Linnaeus, 1766).
- The Keywords should be reconsidered since many of them are not the subject matter of the study.
- DNA methods may need to confirm the identification of gut contents, and please provide a picture of a representative of each species you found in gut contents.
- Statistical methods are needed.

## Abstract:

There is too much information. It needs to summarize the results and highlight the important topics of your work.

## Introduction:

There is much unnecessary information for the work in question. You should introduce the reader to understand the genus *Periophthalmus* and provide information like: How many species of this genus? What about the niches or habitats of the species you are interested in? What other similar species exist in the area? What about the diversity of the study area? Etc.

## Materials and Methods, Sample collection:

Study area and study sites: You should extend the size of the map and focus only on the study area. Please state the ecology of the spots that you studied and provide information about the species that are presented in those areas.

Sample collection: The fish trapping method needs references. Identification methods of those species in gut contents are needed. DNA methods may need to confirm the identification of gut contents. Statistical methods are needed.

**Results:**

Tables 1 and 2 should be combined, and provide a picture of some species you found in gut contents. Statistical methods are needed.

**Discussion:**

Results should not be repeated in the discussion. This part should be highlighted and discussed in relation to your study.

**References:**

The references format is not uniform. They need revision.